

## **FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

(Promotional Class)

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

This is responsible and skilled fire fighting work involving the operation of apparatus and equipment and the protection of life and property through fire prevention, rescue, and the extinguishing of fires. Work involves the protection of life and property, prevention of fire hazard, and general duties related to the care and use of departmental equipment and property. Employees of this class are responsible for driving fire equipment to and from the scene of a fire, for operating the pumps and other equipment as required. Fire equipment operators are under the direct supervision of the fire officer in charge of the station (in the class of Fire Captain or Fire Lieutenant). They perform assigned routine tasks independently and all other decisions or work assignments are received from a superior. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Lieutenant.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Performs a daily inventory of all assigned fire vehicles and attached equipment to see that all required equipment is present; if not, reports missing items to supervisor; checks all equipment such as air packs and fire extinguishers to see that it is ready for operation.

Performs a daily check of assigned fire vehicles to assure readiness for operation; checks radio, water, battery, tires, water level in tank, lights, etc.; may replace oil and water if needed; checks air break pressure; checks all hydraulic equipment by operating it; starts engine and checks all gauges, air pressure, water, oil, ampmeter, fuel; checks the general appearance of the vehicle to make sure it is clean.

Performs a daily check of the pumps on assigned vehicles by placing them in operation, checking pressure and gauges; makes sure valves are not leaking and the relief valve is operational.

Verbally reports on all daily checks to the officer in charge and makes entries on such in the log book.

When an emergency alarm is received, takes address and checks location; drives assigned vehicle to fire; following the orders of the officer in charge, stops truck at nearest hydrant

and makes sure firefighters have all equipment needed, then places truck as directed and puts pump in operation following standard procedures; assists firefighters in donning air packs, getting equipment from truck, etc., keeping track of all equipment taken; watches gauges and hooks up any additional lines required.

Assists other equipment operators when needed; listens for any radio messages and relays messages to and from the commanding officer at the fire scene.

Participates in company and individual training when required.

Performs general firefighting and housekeeping duties.

Performs other class related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before the application closing date.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After conditional offer of promotion, but prior to beginning work in this class, must participate in and successfully complete and pass, at the designated time and place, a drug test and medical examinations which directly correlate to essential job duties of the position, with or without accommodation. Such tests and examinations shall be prepared and administered under the direction of the Appointing Authority and Jefferson Parish Government.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in good standing in the class of Firefighter for a period of at least six months immediately preceding the examination.

Must have sixteen (16) hours of approved instruction in pump operations and complete approved driving test.

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